

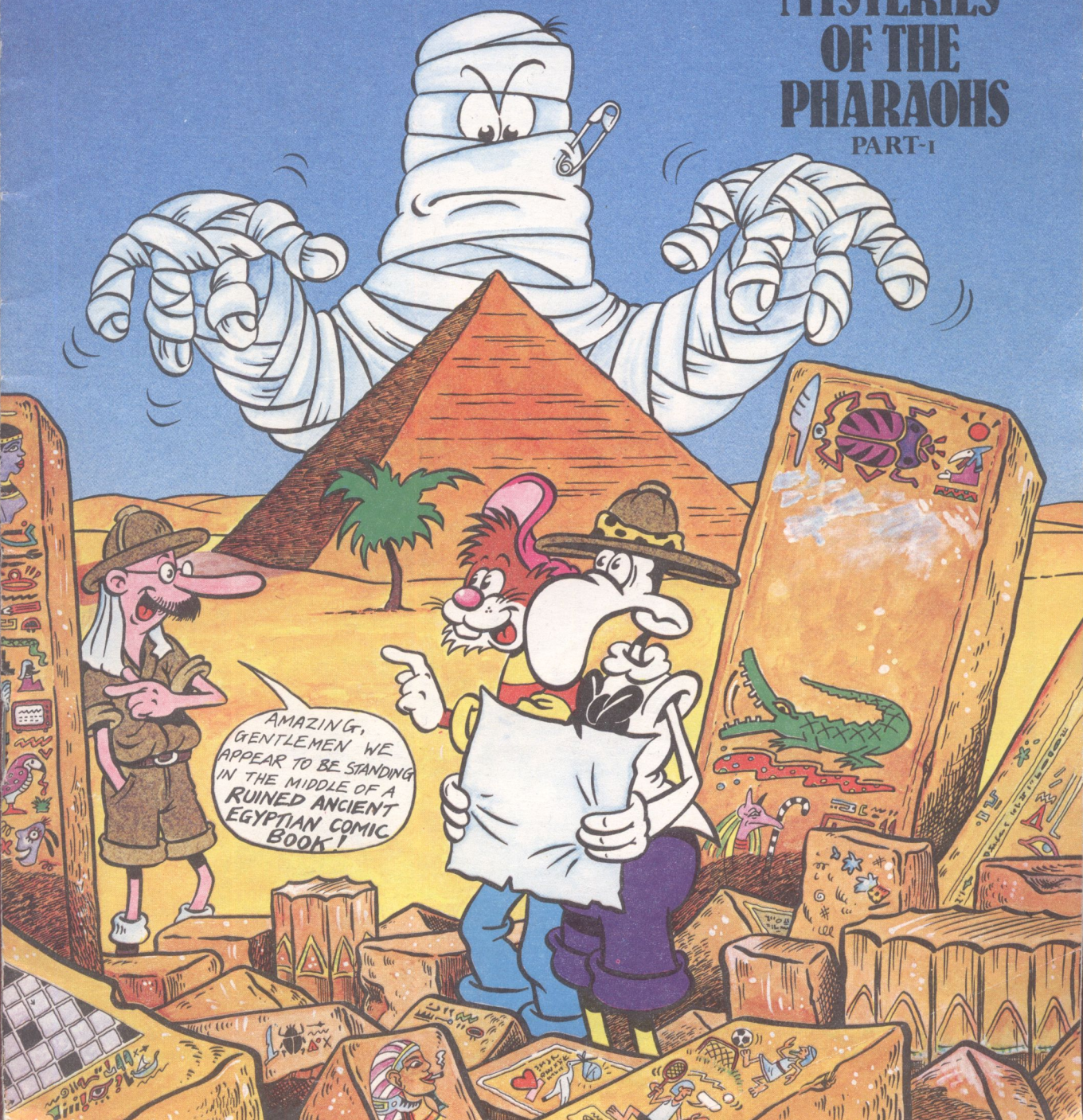
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MYSTERIES OF THE PHARAOKHS PART-1



AMAZING,
GENTLEMEN WE
APPEAR TO BE STANDING
IN THE MIDDLE OF A
RUINED ANCIENT
EGYPTIAN COMIC
BOOK!

Happy Christmas

READERS

As the nights grow shorter in Jellyville, **BUSY FINGERS** get to work! Our heroes are decorating the **CHRISTMAS TREE!!** But what **CAN** they be making???



MIKE

Hi! I'm making **GOLD COINS!** Well, not **REAL** gold! Some of them are chocolate, out of those little bags you can get! And some of them are 2p pieces, brightened with some **METAL POLISH!** They may not be the real thing . . . but I like to hang them on the tree and **DREAM . . .**



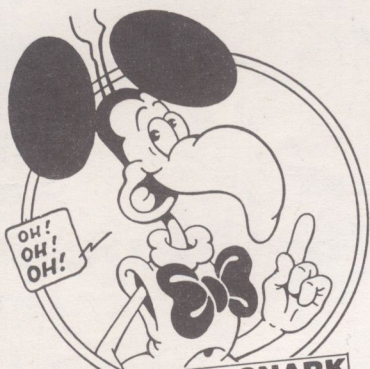
MR BLIRRIANT

Melly Clistmas! Evelybody know the most beautiful thing is **ELECTLIC GUITARS!** So we cutting guitar out of cardboard, sticking on kitchen foil and stickers for controls!



ALFIE

Merry Christmas! Well, I always think Christmas trees look nicer with **NOTHING** on them! Except what other people put there, that is! So I'll be staying in my **ARMCHAIR** for the festive season, and if I feel strong enough I'll attempt the **JELLYVILLE CONTINUOUS SLEEPING RECORD!!**



DR CHARLIE SNARK

Greetings, loyal friends. Personally I am making **RIDDLE TWIDDLES!** Get a piece of card, decorate the edges, and write a **RIDDLE** on one side and the **ANSWER** on the other! Then hang them on the tree with fishing line or cotton! My first one is **EXTREMELY DIVERTING!**

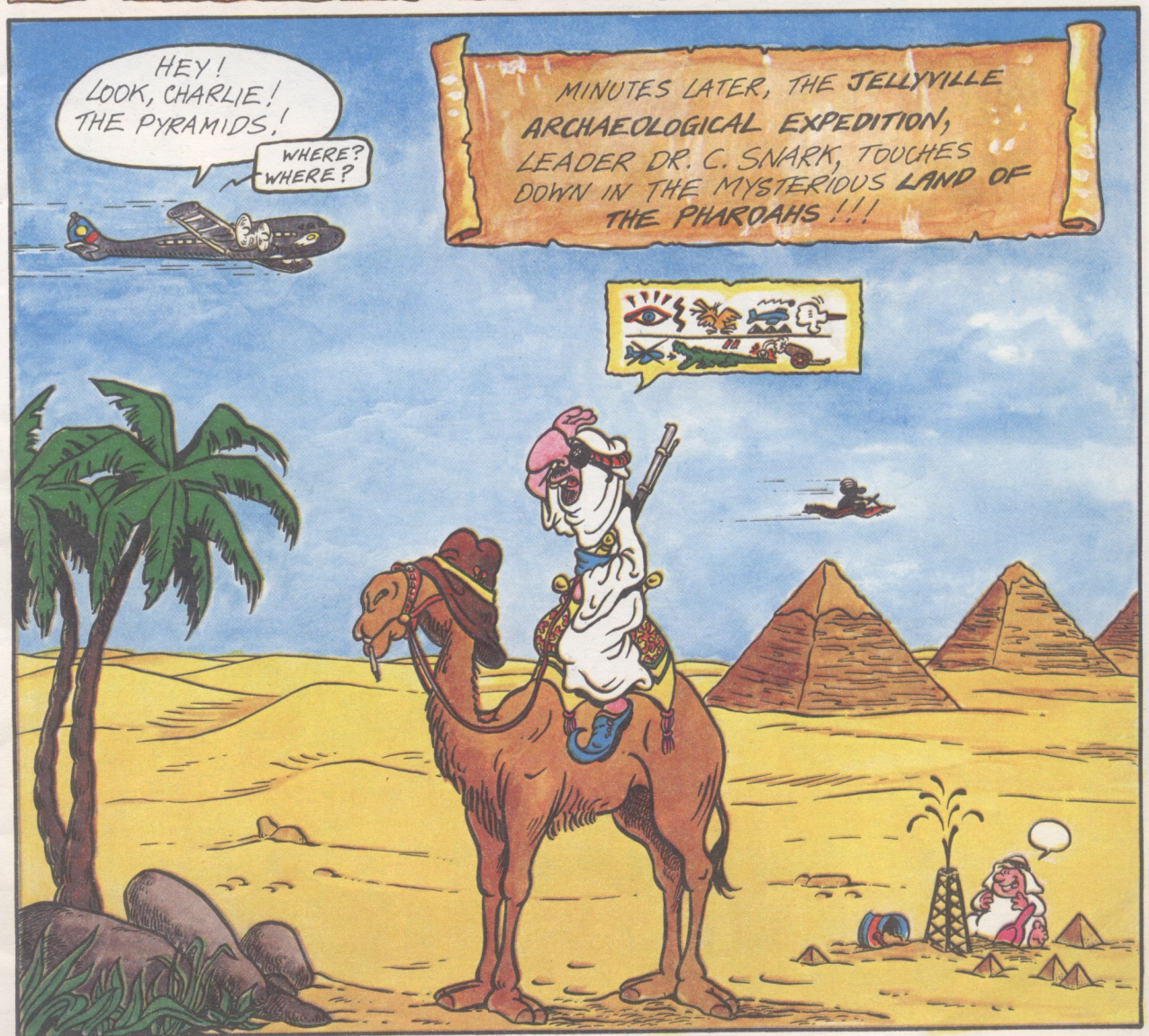
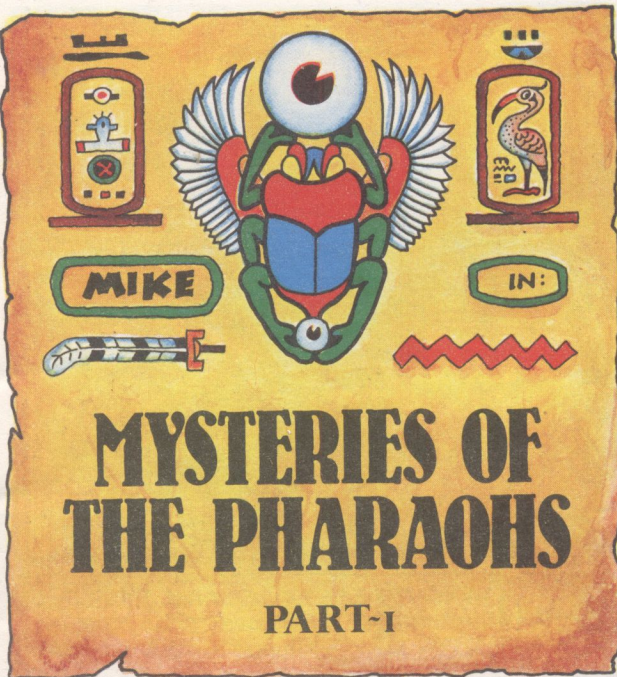
Q: Why does a donkey eat thistles?
A: Because he is an ass!
(Argh! What a dreadful joke! **MIKE**)



RODNEY WOLF

Hi there, I'm dreaming of a frozen Christmas! A **FROZEN CHICKEN** Christmas! I'll be nicking those **CHICKENS** and hanging them from the tree, festive, eh?
(**SOUNDS REVOLTING** Rodney!
You're a real dumb cluck!)
Signed **MIKE**

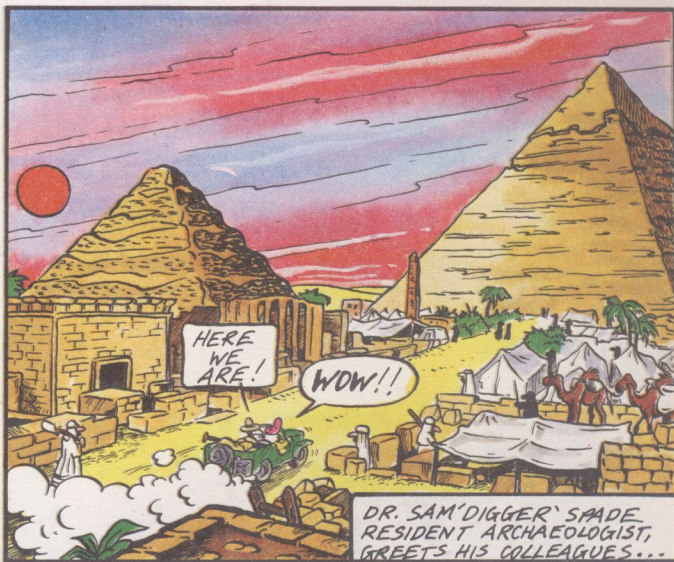






OO!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE
THE PYRAMIDS!

RELAX, OLD
BOY! THEY
WON'T RUN
AWAY!



HERE
WE
ARE!

WOW!!

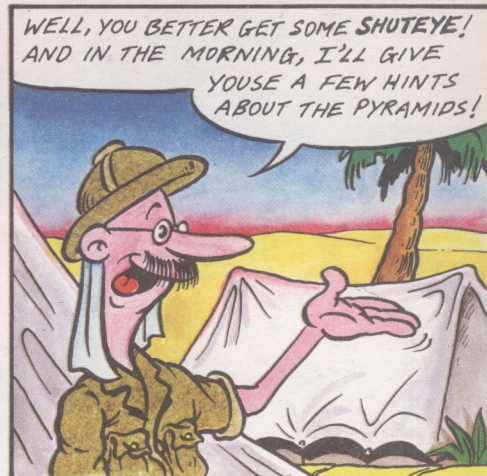
DR. SAM'DIGGER' SPADE,
RESIDENT ARCHAEOLOGIST,
GREET'S HIS COLLEAGUES...



GREAT TO SEE YOU,
COBBERS! LOOKIN' FORWARD
TO CHEWIN' OVER THE OLD
HIEROGLYPHICS WITH YOU,
CHARLIE BOY!

MANY THANKS, DEAR
COLLEAGUE! MAY I
PRESENT MY ASSISTANT,
MIKE?!

HI, DR.
DIGGER!



WELL, YOU BETTER GET SOME SHUTEYE!
AND IN THE MORNING, I'LL GIVE
YOUSE A FEW HINTS
ABOUT THE PYRAMIDS!



GOOD NIGHT,
DR. CHARLIE!

AND WOULD
YOU MIND NOT
SNORING?

I NEVER,
SNORE!

RRRR!!!
PHEEE!!

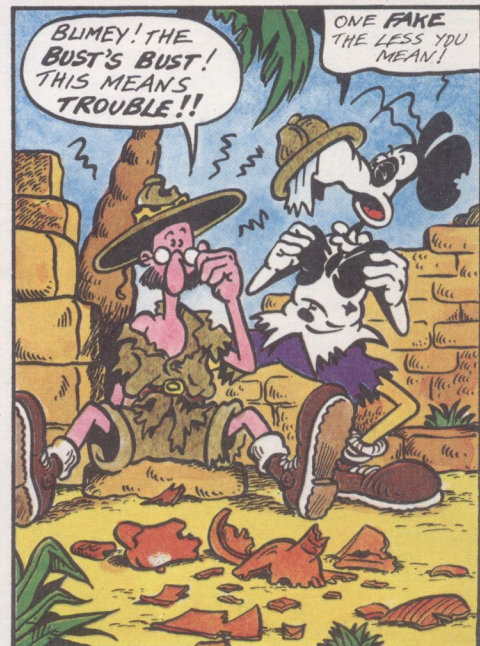
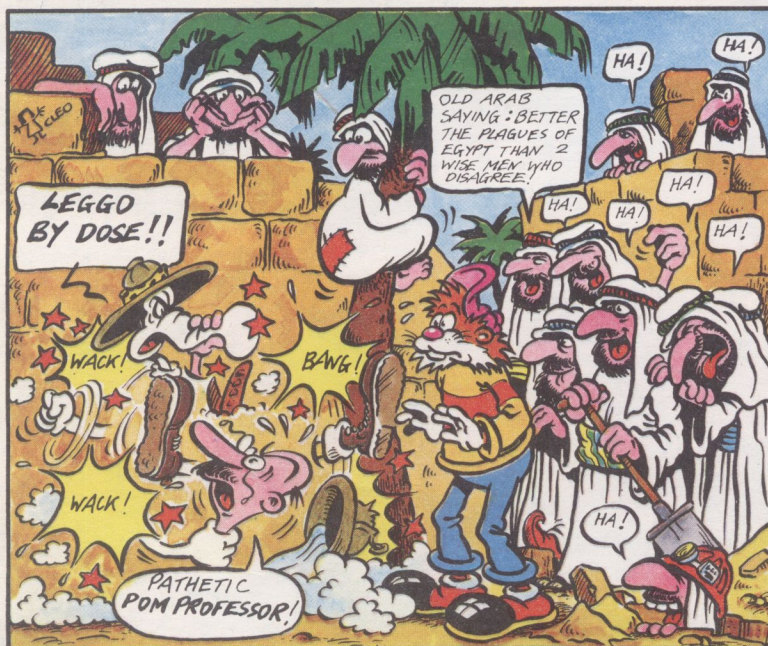
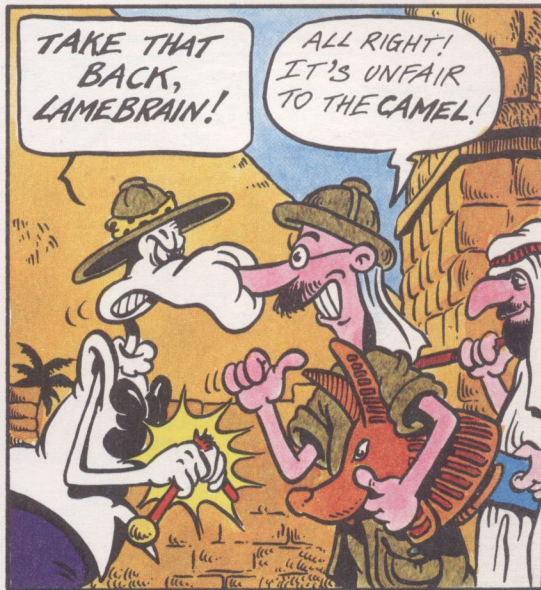
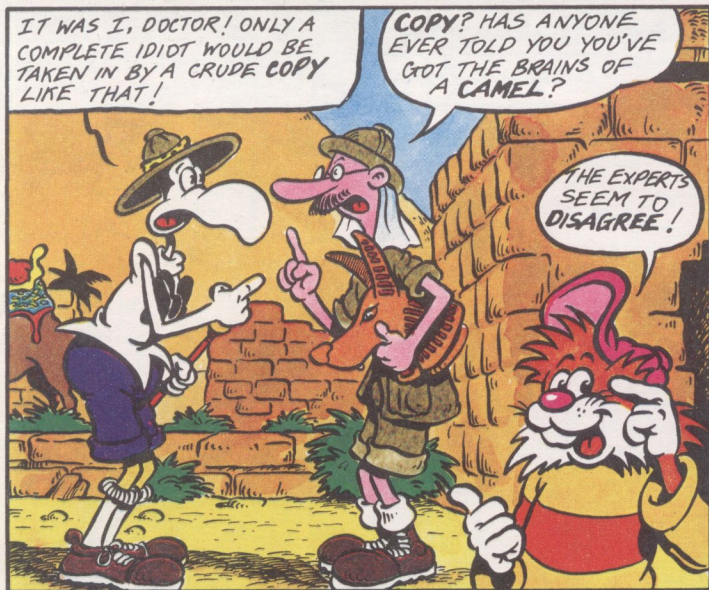
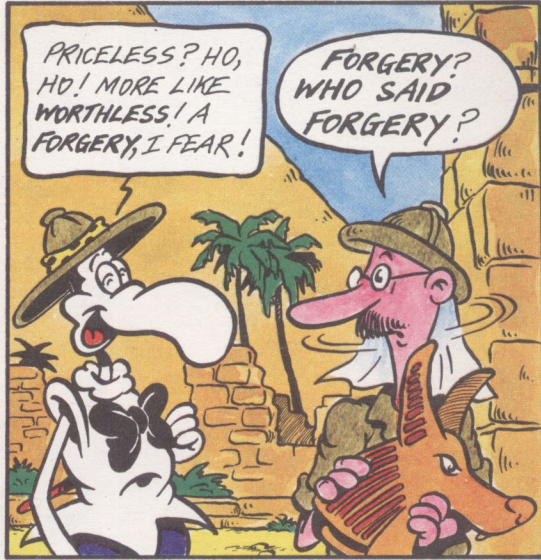
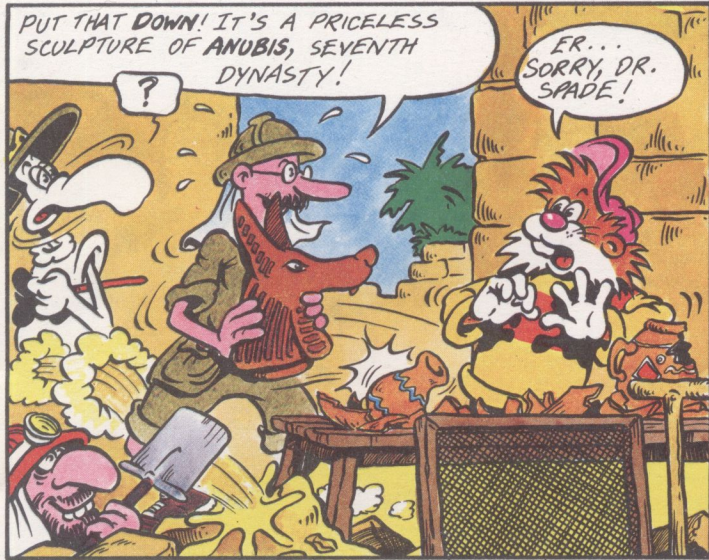


EARLY NEXT DAY, DR. SPADE LEADS
A TOUR OF THE SITE...

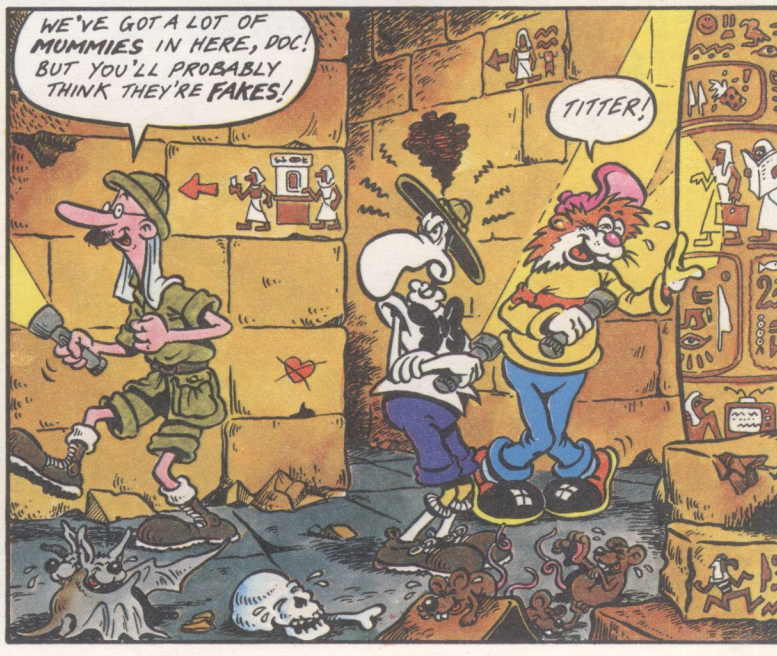
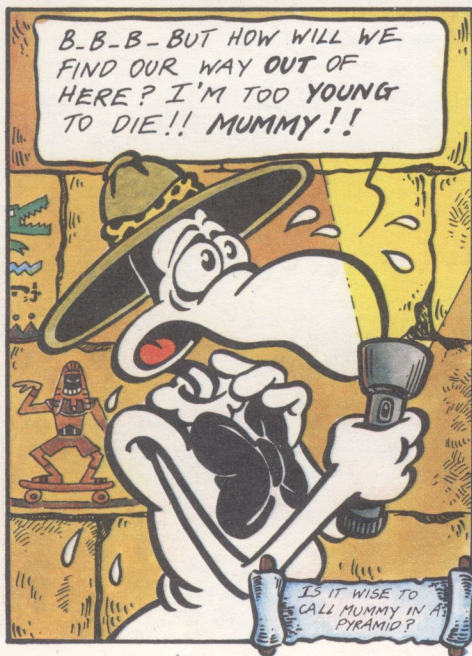
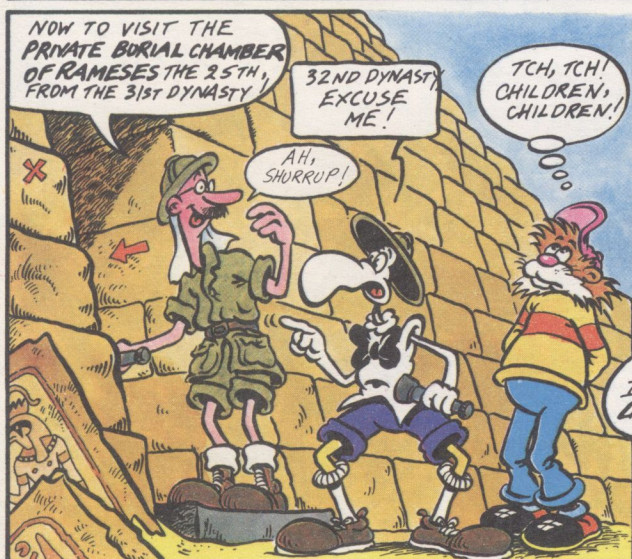
AS YOU SEE,
WE HAVE MANY
NATIVE EMPLOYEES!
WONDERFUL WORKERS
AND EXTREMELY
LOYAL!

YERSE.. IT'S
NOT VERY BIG,
YOUR SITE,
IS IT?

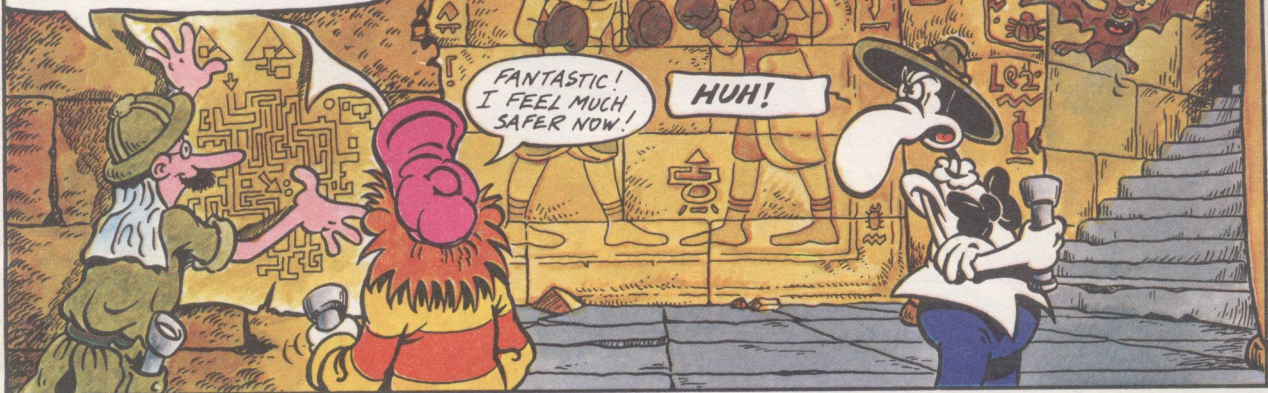
WHO'S
THIS,
THEN?



OUR LEARNED FRIENDS SOON MAKE UP THEIR LITTLE QUARREL- WELL, ALMOST- AND HEAD FOR THE PYRAMIDS!

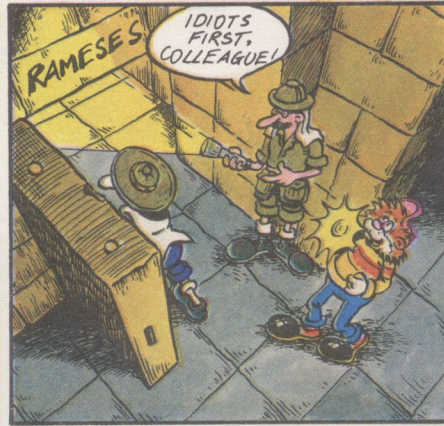
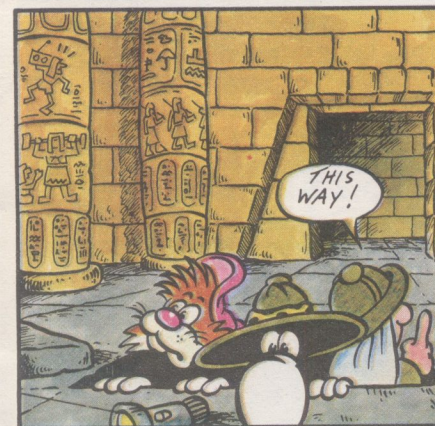
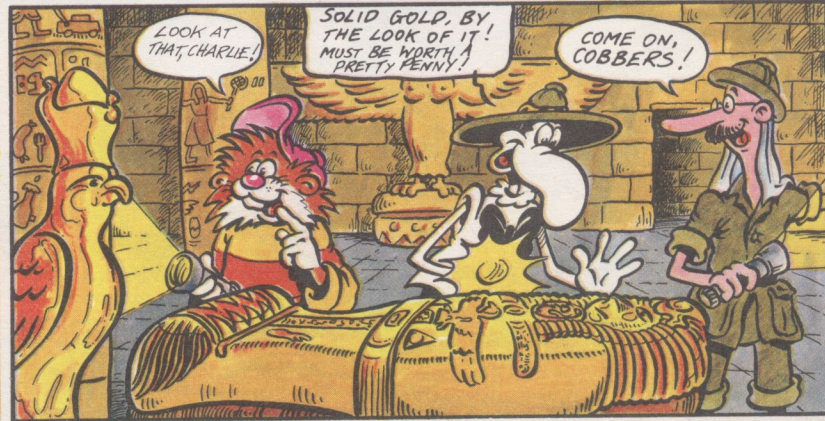
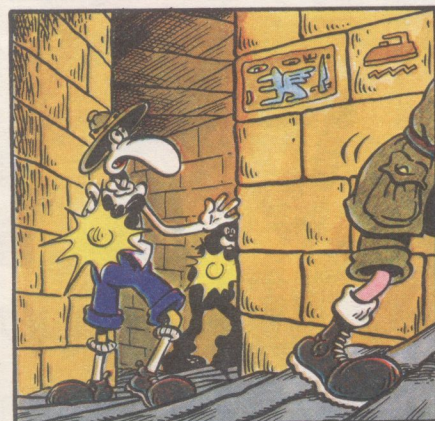
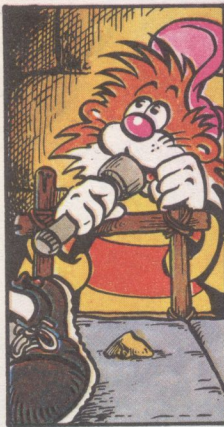
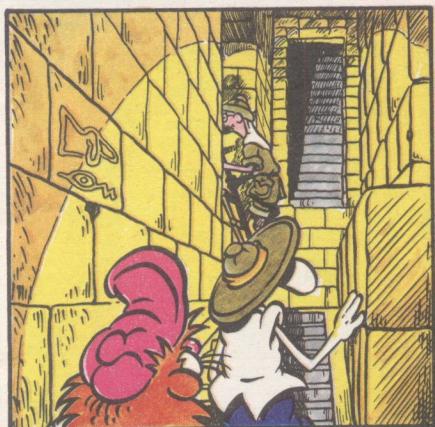


NO WORRIES, MATES! I'VE GOT ME PLAN! AND I'M TOTALLY SURE WE'RE RIGHT... HERE! NO, SORRY, RIGHT THERE!!...ER



FANTASTIC! I FEEL MUCH SAFER NOW!

HUH!

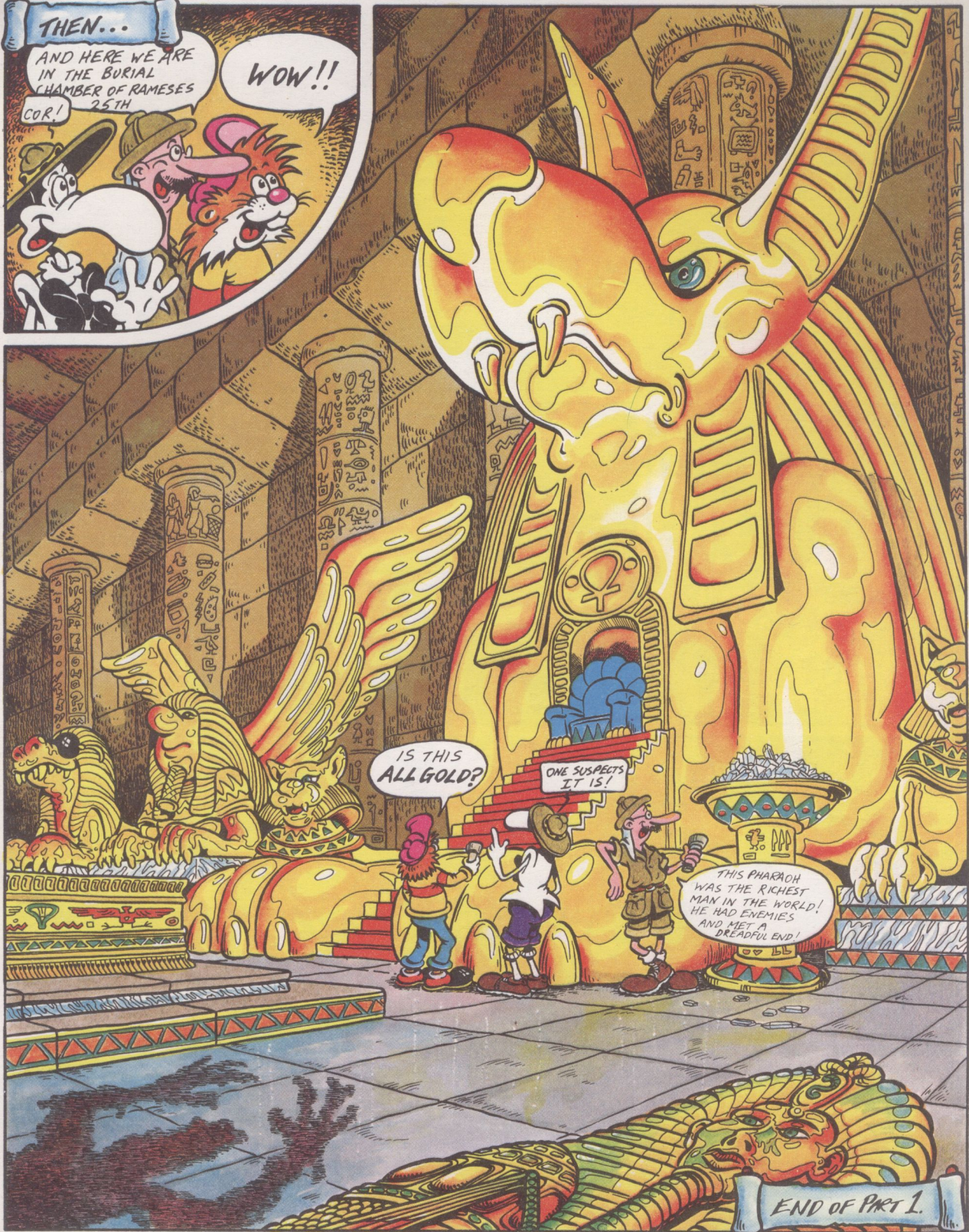


THEN...

AND HERE WE ARE
IN THE BURIAL
CHAMBER OF RAMESES
25TH

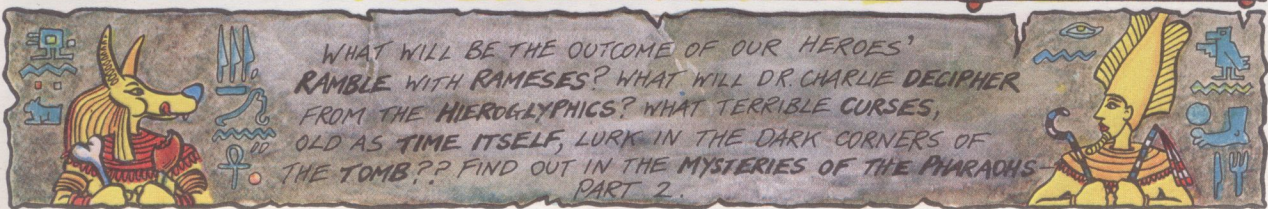
COR!

WOW!!



END OF PART 1.

WHAT WILL BE THE OUTCOME OF OUR HEROES' RAMBLE WITH RAMESES? WHAT WILL DR. CHARLIE DECIPHER FROM THE HIEROGLYPHICS? WHAT TERRIBLE CURSES, OLD AS TIME ITSELF, LURK IN THE DARK CORNERS OF THE TOMB?? FIND OUT IN THE MYSTERIES OF THE PHARAOHS PART 2.





HA-HA! HI-HI! HO-HO!



Q: What is the difference between a thief and a church bell?
A: One steals from the steeple, the other steals from the people.

Q: What do you call a man between two houses?

A: Ali!

Mahammed Hasim, 125 Arden Road, Aston, Birmingham.

Did you hear about the crazy sparrow who dived into the chip pan because he'd heard that the oily bird always catches the worm?

B. Doyle, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire.

Q: What do you call a lady standing in the middle of a tennis court.

A: Annette!

There was an old man of Peru,
Who dreamt he was eating a shoe.
He woke up one night,
With a terrible fright
And found it was perfectly true.



Marc Shilling, 205 Courthouse Road, Maidenhead, Berks.

Q: What do you call a cow eating grass?

A: A lawn mooer!

Timmy, 107 Ash Road, Tewksbury, Glos.

There was an Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman. The Englishman said to the Irishman, "I bet you can't run down the thousand steps from this cliff and catch your watch." "Yes I can," said the Irishman. He threw his watch over and off he went. The watch broke. Then the Scotsman went, and his watch broke. But when the Englishman went, he caught his watch. The others asked him how he had done it. "Easy", he said. "My watch was ten minutes slow!"

Suzanne Lowth, 156 Pool Road, Leicester.

Husband to wife: "Are my car indicators working?"

Wife to husband: "Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes ..."

Samantha Carrington, Springfield Farm, Preston Road, Clayton Green, Nr. Chorley, Lancs.

Q: What sleeps in a pram and wobbles?

A: A Jelly baby!

Hazel Collins, 14 George St., Kishon, Nr. Blackburn, Lancs.

There once was a monster from Leeds,
Who ate a packet of seeds.
In less than an hour,
His nose was a flower.

And his head was a garden of weeds!

Munir Hussain, 18 Morningside, Bradford 8, West Yorkshire.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?

Abbey.

Abbey who?

Abbey stung me on the nose!

Martine Ashmore, Southsea, Portsmouth.



Q: What sort of footwear can you make out of bananas?

A: Slippers.

Debbie White, Crossways, College Road, Perry Common, Birmingham.

Q: Who is the terror of the sea?

A: Jack the Kipper!

Q: What do you call a flying policeman?

A: A Helicopter!

Christopher Smith, 87 Oriental Road, Woking, Surrey.

Q: How do you stop meatballs from drowning?

A: Put them in gravy boats!

Elizabeth Vaughan (10), 42 Langdale Terrace, Leeds.



DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Greetings, loyal readers!

Once again, it is my pleasure and privilege to bring you a YULETIDE YELL of MIND-BENDING MERRIMENT! Of course, I don't understand any of the jokes. But I am told by Mike that they are very funny. Actually he thinks they are so funny that he has fallen into the waste paper basket and got stuck.

Various people have written, asking for the job as my assistant. Very nice too. But not HUMBLE enough. Please send me more, VERY HUMBLE LETTERS. I love reading them. And of course I will print the humblest.

And don't forget - we award prizes for the WORST riddle, the WORST knock knock joke and the WORST any other kind of joke we can think of. So keep sending them in!

Your Joke Editor,

Dr. C. Snark.



APPLICATIONS FOR Dr. C. SNARK'S ASSISTANTSHIP

Please, please, please, please can I have this job, it will be an honour to work with such a distinguished person and to share your knowledge of jokes. (Right that's enough grovelling). Here's a taste of my humour:

Q: What do you call a woman with her foot stuck in a gutter?

A: INGRID!

Miss Dimple Patel, 24 Osborne Grove, Bolton, Lancs. BL1 3BN.

My assistant will be expected to grovel all the time! Tough luck, Dimple!! - Charlie.

Please, please, please, please, Please, please, please, please, Please, please, please, please, Please, please, please, please, Arthur Wright, 71 Camborne Close, Aston, Birmingham B6 5ER.

Well, you're getting close, But couldn't you be a bit more polite? - Charlie.

Q: How do dinosaurs pass exams?

A: With extinction!

Q: What exams do horses take?

A: Hay levels!

Robert Patterson, 11 Westbourne Road, Hawsortum.

Q: Why does a giraffe have a long neck?

A: Because he doesn't like the smell of his feet!

Dawn Wilkinson (10), 19 High View, Hitchin, Herts.

Q: What do you get if you cross a crocodile and a rose?

A: I don't know, but I wouldn't smell it!

Kathryn Robinson (10), 7 Sandwell Avenue, Darlaston, West Midlands.

Q: Where can you hire a ghost?

A: Renta-vision!

Q: Where do ghosts go shopping?

A: In a spookermarket!

Q: What game do ghosts play?

A: Spooker!

Q: What do ghosts eat for lunch?

A: Ghoulash!

Q: What do ghosts eat for supper?

A: Spook-ettil!

Q: Why aren't ghosts allowed in wine bars?

A: Because they don't serve spirits!

Ann Marie Alcock.

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Ginger.

Ginger who?

Ginger yourself when you fell off the wall?

Lee Dillon, 30 Sandringham Road, Tuebrook, Liverpool.

Little boy: These shoes hurt!

Mum: No wonder, you have them on the wrong feet!

Little boy: But they're the only feet I've got!

Belinda Buckle, 74 Fiddlers Folley, Fordham Heath, Colchester, Essex.

Dad: Why are you home so early from school?

Little boy: Because I was the only one who could answer the question that the headmaster asked!

Dad: What was the question?

Little boy: Who threw a brick at the headmaster!

Julie Swann (10), 34 Gallows Hill, Townville, Castleford, West Yorkshire.

Q: Why was Cinderella a rotten footballer?

A: Because she had a pumpkin for a coach!

Matt Davison (13), Parkholme, 77 Southgate, Eckington, Sheffield.

Lady on telephone: Hello, is that 44444?

Voice on other end: Yes

Lady on telephone: Good, can you ring 999 and ask for the fire service. I've got my finger stuck in the dial!

Jane Bryant, 795 Prince of Wales Road, Darnall, Sheffield.

Q: What goes quick quick?

A: A duck with hiccups!

Sarah Leak, 34 Edinburg Drive, Kirton, Nr. Boston, Lincs.

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a window!

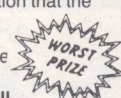
Doctor: Come over here and show me where the pain is!

Joanne Martin (12½), 46 Richmond Park Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

Q: What's yellow and white and goes at 75 mph?

A: A lorry driver's egg sandwich!

Melanie Digings (13), 8 Sanders Drive, Colchester, Essex.





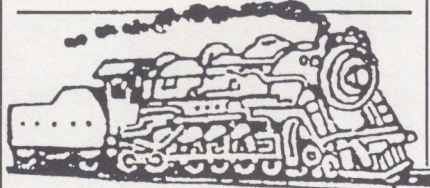
MIKE'S CLUB CORNER



Dear MIKE,

Bats are mammals and are friendly creatures. All British bats eat insects and they locate their food by using sonar. Bats would prefer to live in clean modern houses not old dusty ones. Some bats are becoming very rare in fact it is too late to help the mouse-eared bat as only one male survives in Britain. All bats are in need of help, so if you are not already a member of a nature club, join one or write to find out how you can help bats. A good club to join and to give you information on how to help is:

WATCH, 22 The Green, Nettleham, Lincoln LN2 2NR.



Dear MIKE,

I have started making a small magazine called the Train Magazine. I am also thinking of starting a small club. If anyone joined this club, they would get a free copy of each month's magazine. If anyone is interested, please send SAE to:

Andrew Olds, Train Magazine, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear NE25 9AL.



Dear MIKE,

I am a keen bird spotter who wants to start a club. Every month you will get a newsletter full of puzzles, your drawings and more. If you want more information, please send a SAE to:

Stuart Baines, Bird Watching Club, 86 Grant Avenue, Liverpool L15 5AZ.



Dear MIKE,

I am starting a pop club. There will be a magazine every month with a membership card. Lots of information for everybody about their favourite pop group. For further information send SAE to:

Helen Jones, 30 Kimberley Road, Penylan, Cardiff CF2 5DJ.

Book Club Classics

The South Pole by Ann Tartic
The Bull Fighter by Matt Adore
A Farmer's Wife by Mike Howe
The Water Diviner by Hazel Tigw
Aches and Pains by Arthur Ritis
The Prodigal Son Returns by Gladys Back
Naughty Farm Boy by Enid Spankin
Tea for Two by Roland Butter
It Pays to Advertise by Bill Sticker
Swimming the Channel by Frances Neer
The Broken Window by Eva Brick

Kieron Murphy, 11 York Road, Stamford, Lincs.

Dear MIKE,

My friends and I run a sticker swapping club. You get a free magazine with stickers and also a membership card. We have a large collection of stickers all ready to swap. If you want to join just send a SAE to:

A. Skeritt, 2 Bienheim Walk, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE13 1JG.



Dear MIKE,

I have started up a new magazine called Rag Mag. Anybody who is interested should send SAE for details to:

Rag Mag, 51 Breedon Hill Road, Derby DE3 6TH.

Dear MIKE,

If there is anyone interested in a Philately Club, then send a SAE to the address shown. There'll be quizzes, competitions and newsletters. So put pen to paper and write to me now:

Philately Knowhow, c/o M. A. Furber, 312 Dudley Port, Tipton, West Midlands DY4 7RP.

Dear MIKE,

We are going to start a computer club. There will be a monthly newsletter containing computer news, hints and tips on computer games, game reviews, etc. Anyone interested? If so, send a SAE to:

The Computer Club c/o Ollie & Jamie, 7 Holland Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 1SA.

Dear MIKE,

My cousin and I have made a club called the 'FREETIME CLUB', in which we have jokes, quizzes, competitions, etc. If you would like further information about this club and how to join, please send SAE to one of the following:

Ian Stokoe, 4 Suffolk Street, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear NE32 5BJ or

Paul Taylor, 184 Bedeburn Road, Jarrow, Tyne & Wear NE32 5AX.

Dear MIKE,

I am not in a club at the moment and I would like to be, so if anybody has a good club please could you write to me?

Dominique Eden, 104 Roman Road, Darwen BB3 3BN.



SPECIAL RIDDLE SPOT



Pop Group Word Search

Q U E E N K I N G N F	Queen
B B Z G O W E S T I M	Five Star
U D P D A O G T V A A	AHA
C O R C F E M H M D	Madonna
K B I L C D S W K L O	Bucks Fizz
S H N E I T S P S Z N	Wham
F S C E A H A J O A N	Paul Young
I U E R R Y D T Z T A	King
Z W T V X Q E P A B K	Go West
Z D U R A N D U R A N	Sade
P A U L Y O U N G E J	Prince
	D.C. Lee
	Duran Duran



Karen Pickering

21 Scott Avenue, Scunthorpe, S. Humberside.



RODNEY'S RECIPES

Raspberry Buns

6 oz. (150 gms.) S.R. flour.
30 oz. (75 gms.) margarine.
30 oz. (75 gms.) sugar.
1 egg.
1 tablespoon raspberry jam.

Method:

1. Light oven, gas No. 6, electric 200° C.
2. Rub margarine into flour.
3. Stir in sugar.
4. Add egg and bind mixture together.
5. Make little balls with mixture and put a hole (with your thumb) in the top.
6. Pop a little jam (raspberry or strawberry) in the holes.
7. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

They're delicious!

Hazel Collins, 14 George Street, Rishton, Nr. Blackburn, Lancs. BB1 4JF.

Melting Moments

3 oz. (75 gms.) caster sugar.
1 egg - beaten.
4 oz. (100g) flour.
1 level teaspoon baking powder.
1 table spoon milk.

Method:

1. Cream together the margarine and sugar until light and creamy and beat in the egg.
2. Fold in the flour and baking powder and add the milk to give a soft dropping consistency.
3. Place teaspoonfuls of mixture into bun cases and bake at 400° F (200° C). Gas mark 6 for 12-15 mins, until well risen and golden.

Makes 12 to 15 cakes.

Shelly Cookson (12½), 7 Half Penny Lane, Featherstone, W. Yorks. WF7 6LE.

Toasted Cheese Boats

(for four people)

4 large potatoes.
A little cooking oil.
8 heaped tablespoons of grated cheese.
4 tablespoons of milk.
2 oz. (50 gms.) butter.
Salt and pepper.
4 pieces of celery, about as long as your finger.

Method:

1. Scrub the potatoes, and cut out any black marks.
2. Now rub them with cooking oil and put them on a baking tray in the oven for 1½ hours on Gas Regulo 4, or electric 350° F.
3. Take them out of the oven, split them open and scoop the insides into a mixing bowl.
4. Add half of the grated cheese, top of the milk, butter, salt and pepper, and mix everything up with a fork.
5. Spoon the mixture into the potato shells, sprinkle what is left of the grated cheese on top, and put the shells back into the oven for 10 minutes, or until the top looks golden brown.
6. Take them out of the oven, and stick a piece of celery firmly into each shell to make the mast of your boat. Now you can eat them!

Emmalene Jones (11), 108 Derwent Road, Stirchley, Birmingham B30 2US.

You could be a _____

CARTOON



STRIP

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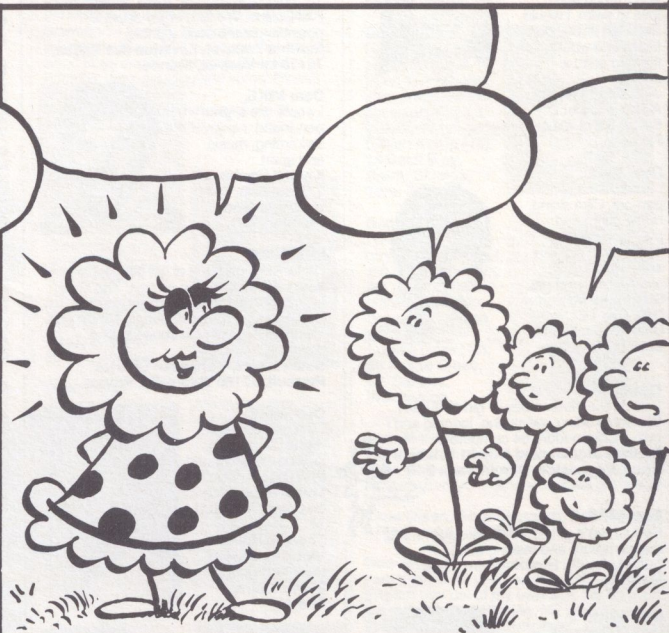
Ever wanted to work on a comic? Think it's too easy? Or too difficult? Well, give it a try – you could end up with a PRIZE!

Name _____

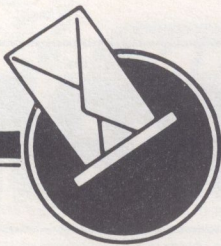
Address _____

Age _____

TITLE : _____



CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 19th. SEE MARCH ISSUE FOR WINNERS.



MIKE BUMPER

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Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen-pal of about 11 years old. I like writing and animals and watching TV. Please send a photo.
Myriam Saule (11), 7 Latour 24800, Thivers, France.



Dear MIKE,
I like to disco dance and I also like ballroom dancing. I can speak English and French and I love to swim. I would like a girl or boy pen-friend and would like them to send a photo.
Julie Riotte (9), 45 Avenue Carnot, 54130 Saint-Max, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen-pal. I like skiing, horse riding and playing basketball. I can write in English and would like a photo of my pen-pal.
Stephanie Martelon (12), Des Ta Uffardieres, 38500 Voiron, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like either a boy or girl pen-pal. I like horse riding, swimming, jogging and I own a Commodore 64 computer.
Masood Mohammed (13), 21 Brixham Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 0JY.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen-pal. I like swimming, maths, nature and making things.
Lucy Lake (9), Hindringham, Holt, Norfolk.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen-pal. I like all sport, walking and looking at nature. I love animals and I live in a small village in the mountains by the Alps.
Gael Claveyrolas (12), Rif Jany 38114 Allemark, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen-pal of about my age. My hobbies are tennis, drawing, roller skating and gymnastics.
Aurelie Liotta (9), 2 Rue de Relais, 95130, Franceville, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like either a boy or girl pen-pal. I like to read, write letters and sport especially skiing and table tennis. I collect stamps and I like to go to the cinema and go dancing.
Helen Cochet (15), 8 Rue du Margillier, 38530 Pontcharra, France.



Dear MIKE,
I like horse riding, sport and music and I would like either a boy or girl pen-pal.
Yann Lamothe (10), 7 Kepler, 78990 Elancourt, France.

Dear MIKE,
I am 14 years old and I like Karate, Cycling, Swimming, playing the Clarinet and collecting stamps. I would like a boy pen-friend.
Luc Montanera (14), 35 d'Alsace, 92110 Clichy-La-Garenne, France.



Dear MIKE,
We are two girls of 14 and we would like two boy pen-pals aged between 13 and 15. We like Madonna, A-Ha, Wham and Phil Collins. We also enjoy sport. If possible please send a photo.
Sabrina Penavel, Lavenue des Pages, 78110 Le Vesinet, France.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen-friend. I enjoy swimming, music and sport.
Khaled Gnaba (17), 1 Bassatine, 5031 Ksibet-el-Med, France.



Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a boy or girl pen-pal over 13 years old who like the groups: The Cure, U2, Depeche Mode, Siouxsie and the Banshees, The Alarm, Simple Minds and Vienna. I like going to concerts and cinemas.
Katell Salles, 3 Impasse Charles Perrault, 57100 Thionville, France.

Dear MIKE,
I like gymnastics, music, swimming, knitting, dancing and listening to music. My pen-friend should be between 13 and 15.
Therese Nguyen Viet (14), 54 Rue Paul Verlaine, 93240 Stains, France.



Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a girl pen-pal between 13 and 17 years. I like music, cinema and tennis. I can write in French, English and German.
Franck Drockenmullea, 4 Du Merle, 57700 Hayange, France.



Dear MIKE,
I am a girl who would like either a boy or girl pen-pal. I can speak a little English. I like music, tennis and writing. If possible please send a photo.
Cecile Lamotte (13), 3 Jeanne de Navanne, 10200 Bar sur Aube, France.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen-pal. My hobbies are music, sailing, fishing, riding and swimming.
Eric Chardonnet (13), 37 Rue d'Aiguillon, 29200 Brest, France.



Dear MIKE,
I am a girl who would like to write to an English girl between 9 and 11 years old. My hobbies are reading and swimming.
Maarit Takala, Ampiaisentie 11, 28200 Pori, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I would like to write to a girl aged 10-12 years old. My hobbies are playing the flute and sports.
Susanna Vasonen (12), Munttismaen K.6, 20360, Turku, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
My name is Eva Zeigelwagner and I am 12½ years of age. I would like a boy or girl pen-pal in Great Britain aged 12-14 years. My hobbies include: swimming, reading, riding my bicycle, collecting stamps and writing letters. I will try and reply to all letters I receive.
Eva Zeigelwagner, Bachg 21 A3200, Ober Grafendorf, Austria.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy or girl pen-pal who likes reading, travelling, horse riding, tennis and listening to pop music especially A-Ha and Wham. Please could you send me a picture with your letter. I will try and reply to every letter I receive. I am 13½ years old.
Lisa Bates, 72 Melrose Avenue, Warrington, Cheshire, U.K.

Dear MIKE,
I am 15 years old and I would like a boy or girl pen-pal aged 14-16. I am a Duran Duran fan. So all Duran Duran fans, hunt out your pens and please write to me!
Anu Tüttanen, Kankurin plk 9B25, 04200 Kerava, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I am 14 years old and I would like a pen-pal, boy or girl aged 14-15. My hobbies are reading, animals (cats and rabbits), listening to music. Please forward photograph with your letters.
Tari Pesola, Venuksenki 5B18, 01480 Vantaa, Finland.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a pen-pal aged between 12 and 16 years. I enjoy self defence, keeping fit, swimming, nature, drawing, painting and writing. I would like a pen-pal who likes reading and writing long letters. Please try to send a photo.
Sanne Lund (13), Ostrealie 41, 3250 Gilleleje, Denmark.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen-pal. My hobbies are Music, Sport and my favourite group is Modern Talking. Please send a photo with your letter.
Jesper Laumoller (11), Frejaj Plads 1, 3650 Odstykke, Denmark.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are Music and Swimming and my favourite group is A-Ha.
Carina Lysgard (12), Brandgardvej 59, 7700 Herning, Denmark.

Dear MIKE,
I am a 13 year old girl who would like a girl pen-pal aged between 12 and 17 years. My interests are writing letters and many other things. My favourite singers are Depeche Mode, Madonna and A-Ha.
Trine Nielsen (13), Nordveg 31 6th, 3000 Helsingør, Denmark.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a girl pen-pal of 16 years old and my hobbies are writing letters, animals, travelling, walking and much more. Please send a photo.
Durdica Cupek (16), Strandvejen 143, 3300 Frederiksværk, Denmark.

Dear MIKE,
I am looking for a girl pen-pal aged 12-13 years old. My interests are handball, dance, reading and my favourite popstars are Modern Talking, Madonna and George Michael. I will try to answer all letters and I would like a photo of you.
Charlott Kruse Jensen (12½), Mastrupvej 11, 8500 Grenaa, Denmark.

Dear MIKE,
I like knitting, reading, writing, silk paintings, gymnastics, golf and swimming. I would like a girl pen-friend who should be between 10 and 12 years old.
Dorothee Deudon (11), Lessources, Bat 2, Ent 7, Appart 41, 33160 St Medard-en-Jalles, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy or girl pen-friend who is learning french. My hobbies are playing basket-ball, reading and collecting stamps.
Marina Vanderheeren (14), Saulchoy sous Poix, 80290 Poix de Picardie, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy or girl English pen-friend. I like horse riding, listening to concerts and playing the piano. Please send a photo with all letters.
Cecile Naranjo (10), 9 Place de Regensburg, 63000 Clarmont Ferrand.



Dear MIKE,
I would like an English boy or girl penfriend who likes writing letters and listening to music. I like animals and sport.
Sylvie Reinbirgem (14), Villa des Marromiens, 93240 Stains, France.



Dear MIKE,
I'm 14 years old and I would like a girl pen-pal aged between 14 and 16. My hobbies are listening to music and reading.
Muriel Burquin, "Le Dauphine A", 2 Rue Ste Marguerite, 05000 Gap, France.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen-friend who speaks English or French. My hobbies are horse riding, swimming and I also like animals although I do not have any of my own. Please send a photograph with your letter.
Eric Gayraud, 23 Rene Granier le Maranel, 81000 Albi, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen-pal of about 12 years old. I like baseball, tennis, The Cure, Stevie Wonder and football. My birthday is 25.4.74.
Sylvain Masat (12), 15 Avenue St Exupery, 92290 Chateaufort-Malabry, France.



ke's PEN-PAL



Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen-pal aged 13/14. My hobbies and interests are sports, pop music, animals, stamps, writing letters and lots more. I am 13 years old. Please send a photograph with your letters.



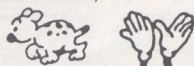
Ute Reckord,
Kolpingstrasse 22,
D-4836,
Herzbrock,
Germany.



Dear MIKE,
I am a German girl looking for a boy or girl pen-pal in the U.K. My hobbies are listening to pop music, reading, cooking, going shopping. I am 17.
Maria Tlowski, Am Berge 2, 3538 Marsberg-Oesdorf, Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I am a 14½ year old girl from Germany. I am looking for a pen-friend of about my age from the south of England. Perhaps someone would like to write back to me in German.
Karin Biherte, Wiehelm-Hauff-Strabe 2, 7939 Oepfingen, Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I have two children, Magali (15) and Julien (13) and they would like pen-pals in Great Britain. They would like to visit England and invite their English pen-pals back here to stay. We live in the country in a village called les Adrets, only 20 minutes from Cannes. Magali and Julien go surfing all summer on a lake near our village.
Gilbert Freccero, chemin du collet, 61260 les Adrets de L'Esteral, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen-pal. I can speak English and German. I like listening to Prince and the Eurythmics. I also enjoy drawing, music and fashion (I would like to be a designer). I would prefer a pen-pal who lives in London.
Frederic Baillif (15), 2 Gauthier Roux, 06000 Nice, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen-friend who enjoys horse riding, swimming, dancing and modern music.
Caroline Schouteetern, 38 Boufaneyer, 22700 Ferros Guiseac, France.

Dear MIKE,
My name is Anja and I will soon be 12 years old. I am in the fifth form and I have learnt English. My hobbies are dancing, animals and sports. I would like an English pen pal - girl or boy - of my age. Please send a photograph. My address is:
Anja Andersen, Birkehegnet 71, 4700 Naestved, DENMARK.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen-pal aged between 10 and 11. I am interested in singing, reading, football and I also play tennis.
Carl John Wollis (9), 265 Osric Place, Newton Aycliffe.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen-pal. My hobbies are gymnastics, skipping and writing. My favourite singers are A-Ha and Samantha Fox.
Hazel Gregory (6), 47 Cornwall Road, Scunthorpe, South Humberside.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are sport, music, reading, writing, babysitting and dancing.
Angelika Kaufhold (15), Mainzer-Tor-Ani 49, 6360 Friedberg, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are music, reading, painting and dancing and I can write in German and in English.
Eva Stamelie (15), Alisert-Schweitzer-Weg 16, 4600 Dortmund 18, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I like to play the accordion and I enjoy reading, reading and writing letters, listening to music and tennis.
Miriam Lanzerath (12), An den Eichen 36, 2913 Augustfehn, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I enjoy listening to music, especially Modern Talking, Wham, Duran Duran and Madonna. I also enjoy tennis. Please send a photo with your letter.
Saida Ait Soumane (16), 10 Salvador Allende, 28200, Chateaudun, France.



Dear MIKE,
I enjoy sports such as skiing and volleyball.
Dietlinde Wurzer (13), Wobring 31, 9363 Metnitz, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are reading, sports, music, animals and so on.
Ries Thorsten (13½), Sudhang 11, 6545 Mengerschied, West Germany.



Dear MIKE,
I am 12 years old and I would like a boy pen-pal of around the same age. My interests are computers, skateboards and athletics.
Kasper Bøgebjerg (12), Vinterbuen 39, 2750 Ballerup, Denmark.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen-pal who is about 15 years old. My hobbies are swimming, reading, judo and dogs.
Maria Rytönen (13), Inkilantie 2, BF56, Kuopio, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I am a girl who would like a boy pen-pal aged between 15 and 16 years of age. My hobbies are music and horse riding.
Milla Munukka (14), Soukankuja 8A6, 02360, Espoo, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I am a girl aged 15 who would like a girl or boy pen-pal the same aged as myself. My hobbies are drawing, reading and riding a horse.
Sini Viikula (15), Kreivinkuja 4, 02610 Espoo, Finland.



Dear MIKE,
I am a girl who would like a girl pen-pal of about the same age as myself. My hobbies are reading, swimming and horse riding and I am a girl guide.
Anu Vahakangas (11), Kirkkoharjuntie, 73600 Kaavi, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl or boy pen-pal aged between 12 and 14. My hobbies are reading, television, music and I also like Garfield. I can write only in English.
Sami Sundvik (12), Vesitie 25, 90440 Kempele, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for an English pen-pal. My hobbies are music, squash and dogs. I would like to be your pen-pal for ever.
Sari Lehtinen, Porolankatu 3, 60120 Seinäjoki 12, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a girl or boy pen-pal aged between 14 and 16. My hobbies are listening to Music (A-Ha, Duran Duran, Pet Shop Boys and Eurythmics), Tennis, Football, Jazz-dancing and so on. Please write soon.
Marjo Niemela, Tuulensuunkatu 26, 27130 Salo 13, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a pretty girl pen-friend. I like reading comics, horse riding and gymnastics and I love animals especially cats.
Christian Sylvestre (11), 30 Rue de Eastille, 80840 Roisec, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like either a girl or boy pen-friend. I like to play bowls and to go fishing. I am very sporting and play a lot of tennis. I also collect stamps.
Thomas Destrauhaut (13), Chemin de Cassagneux, 32180 Vic Fezensac.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen-pal. I enjoy dancing, playing the piano, collecting stamps and postcards, bicycle riding and swimming.
Emmanuelle Billard (13), 9 des Colleges, 72230 Annage, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like both girls and boys as pen-friends. I like music and sport very much.
Florent Pellissier, 48 an de Schildge, 91120 Palaiseau, France.

Dear MIKE,
I am looking for a girl pen-pal. I like reading, swimming, ballet, skiing and postmark collecting. I have a rabbit and I play the German flute.
Muriel Wery (14), 90 Rue de Paris B/106, 93100 Montrevil, France.

Dear MIKE,
Judo, riding, sport, music, playing the piano are a few of my many hobbies. I'd love to find a girl pen-pal aged 12-13, and please, send a photo along with your first letter. You could write in either German or English.
Susane Stiefel (12), Huhlstrasse 10, D-7257 Ditzingen 1, West Germany.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen-pal. I have a brother and a sister and I speak English. I collect pictures and posters and I enjoy reading, shopping, dancing and writing letters. My birthday is October 15th.
Beatrice St Jacques Et St Jean (11), Jrouneux-Loe-Val, 14700 Fraise, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen-pal. I like to listen to A-Ha and I love to ride horses. I consider myself a fashion expert.
Gillian Kemp (16), 14 Basil Way, South Shields, Tyne & Wear.



Dear MIKE,
I would like either a boy or girl pen-pal. I like dancing, visiting the cinema, visiting places and I also belong to a drama club.
Louise Gore (13), 68 Payne Close, Gt. Sankey, Warrington.



Dear Mike,
I am a Danish girl, 11 years old, and I would like a girl pen pal from abroad, who will write in English. Everyone who writes will get an answer.
Lene Olsen, Bøgebjerg, Svaerbogvej 3, 4750 Lundby, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I am a girl of 12 years who is looking for an English pen pal of my own age. My hobbies are riding and swimming. My address is:
Lenna Andersen, "Tungepil", Mollehusvej 11, Smerup, 4653 Darise, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I am a boy, 12 years old, and I would like to write to a boy of my age from England. My interests are: Football and icehockey. My address is:
Thomas Guldberg, Alholmsvej 102, 7400 Herning, DENMARK.

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a pen friend in England. I am 12 years old and my hobbies are music, animals and books. My name and address:
Carsent Pedersen, Julius Valentinervej 34, 2000 Kobenhavn F, DENMARK.

Dear MIKE,
I am a Finnish boy who would like either a girl or boy pen-pal aged between 11 and 13 years old. My hobbies are football, stamps, swimming and listening to music.
Aki Anttila (12), Karakalliontie 5M135, 02620 Espoo, Finland.

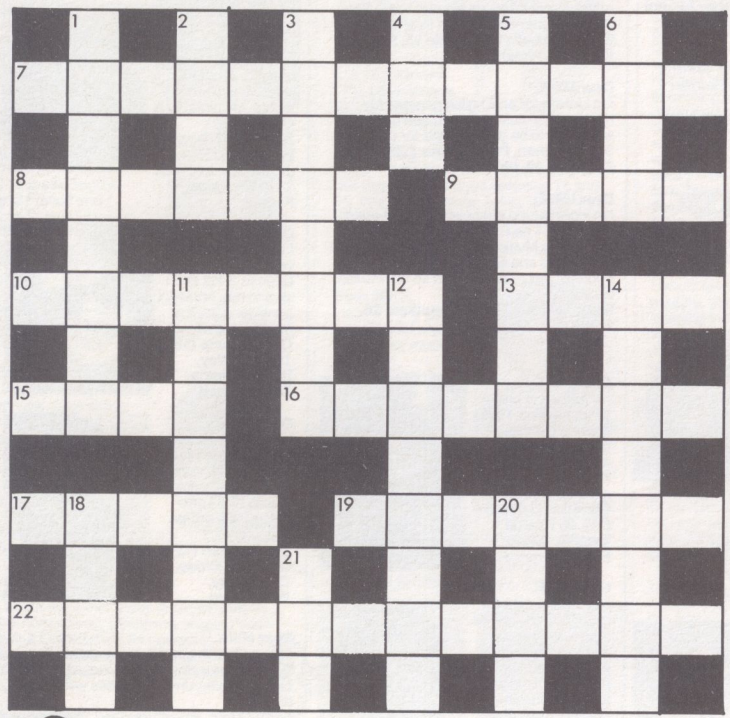
Dear MIKE,
I am a Finnish girl who would like to write to both girls and boys. My hobbies are reading, writing, stickers, playing the piano and pop music especially A-Ha.
Maria Puumala (12), 61400 Ylistaro, Finland.



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SCHOOL GARDENS,
SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.**



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OF COURSE, THERE ARE SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THE FIRST THREE CORRECT ENTRIES OPENED. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER. JULY WINNERS P.16.

Down

- 1. Fascinate, or opposite to exit (8)
- 2. Pod vegetables (4)
- 3. Made a round pile of rope straight (8)
- 4. Devoured (3)
- 5. The British national winter game (8)
- 6. Mend a sock (4)
- 11. Paper bits thrown at weddings (8)
- 12. This year, next year, , never (8)
- 14. Supa rest! (anag) Green fields grazed by cows (8)
- 18. The Gallery is a modern art museum in London (4)
- 20. Flower - or went up (4)
- 21. Jump on one leg (3)

Across

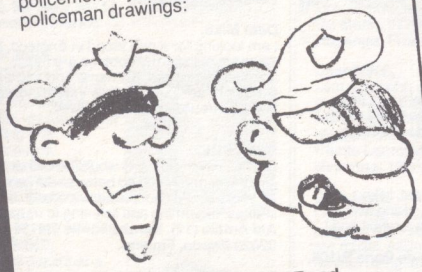
- 7. Train loin Etna (anag) in more than one country (13)
- 8. Biggest city in Avon (7)
- 9. What a pong! Knits! (anag) (5)
- 10. Knobbly bits of your hands (8)
- 13. Highest mountains in Europe (4)
- 15. Miserly (4)
- 16. Knock down a building (8)
- 17. Direct - or bullock! (5)
- 19. Foot loop on saddle (7)
- 22. Man in charge of train's stop (22)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____



Dear MIKE,
I was disappointed that in your July issue you didn't put in your drawing class - I hope it is in future issues. I would like to see cartoon policemen in your class. Here are some of my policeman drawings:



Michael Nelson, 21 Douglas Road, Adswood, Stockport, Cheshire SK3 8RQ.

Dear MIKE,
I recently opened an account with TSB and was amazed at the kindness of the staff. The pen-pal page and the competitions. The poster sticker idea is a great way to save. Thank you for making such a great bank account.

Karen Cardozo, 62 Churchfield Avenue, Finchley, London.

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BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE!

Christian Name _____

Surname _____ Age _____

Street _____

Town _____ U.K. _____

I'd like a Boy ☐ Girl ☐ Penpal (tick one)

From: ☐ U.K. ☐ Germany

☐ Denmark ☐ Austria

☐ Spain ☐ Italy

☐ Netherlands ☐ Finland

☐ Ireland ☐ France

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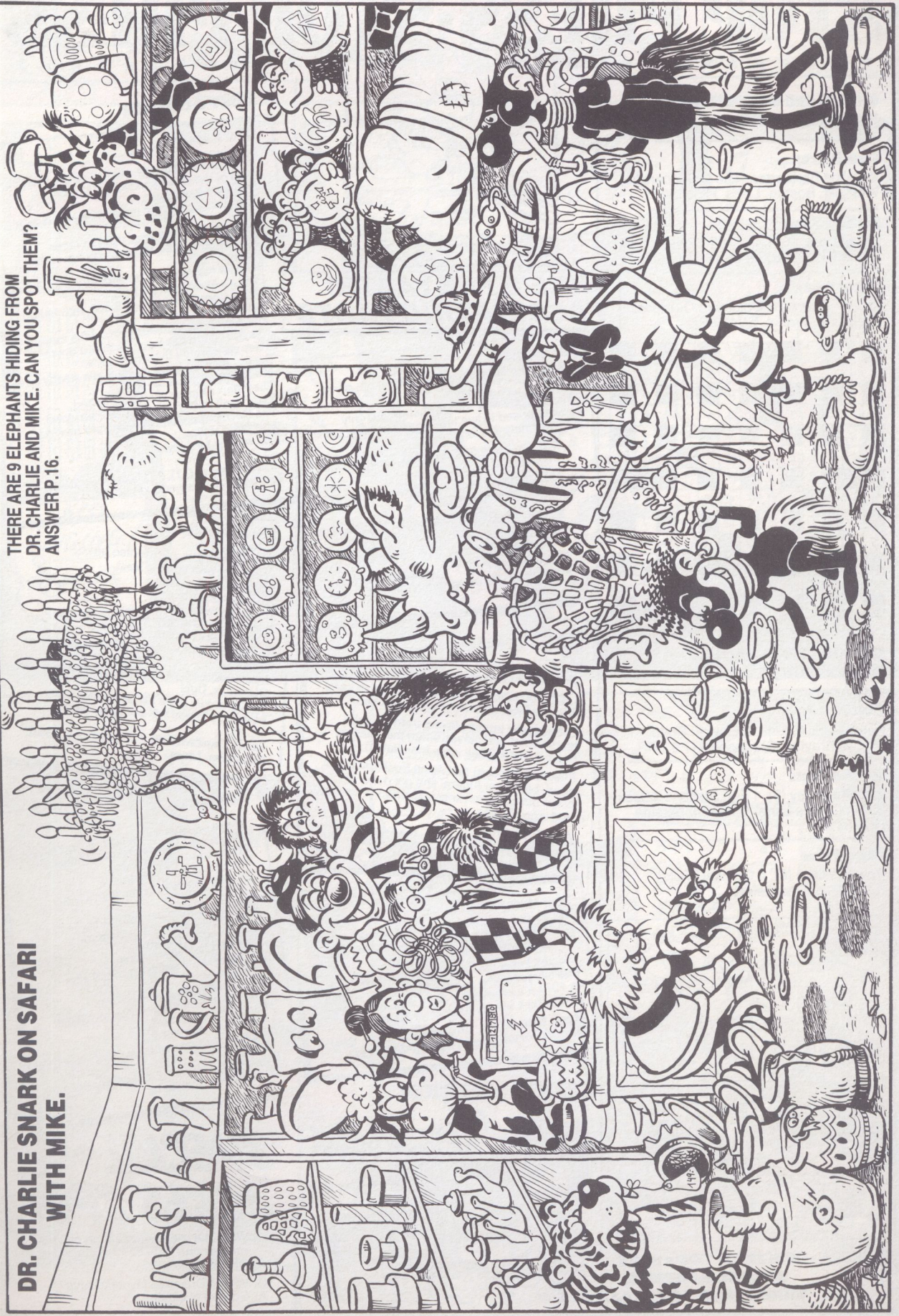
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My Hobbies and Interests are:

Cut out coupon and return to MIKE!

**DR. CHARLIE SNARK ON SAFARI
WITH MIKE.**

**THERE ARE 9 ELEPHANTS HIDING FROM
DR. CHARLIE AND MIKE. CAN YOU SPOT THEM?
ANSWER P.16.**



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CROSSWORD COMPETITION JULY PRIZE WINNERS

First Prize:

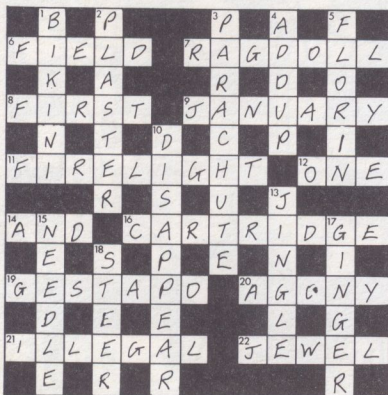
Caroline Brotherton, The Old Vicarage,
Wrangle, Boston, Lincs. PE22 9EP.

Second Prize

Stuart Lord, 10 High Croft Close,
Dukinfield, Cheshire SK16 5HU.

Third Prize

John F. Powell, 6 Columbia Gardens,
Bedworth, Warks. CV12 9EF.



CARTOON STRIP WRITER WINNERS FOR JULY

First Prize:

Karen Barker (13), 72 Rowan Road,
Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 1RR.

Second Prize

Billy Walmsley (9), 1 Fire Station Houses,
South Coates Lane, Hull, Humberside
HU9 3TX.

Third Prize

Rowan Wilkin (6), 4 Canvey Walk,
Springfield, Chelmsford.



MIKE'S FANTASTIC FASCINATING FACTS

Dear MIKE,

I love your super magazine! Here are some facts:

1. Did you know that Hamsters are only supposed to live ten years! I know you will definitely live longer!
2. Did you know that you blink 25 times each minute.
3. More people die from bee stings each year than from snake bites.
4. Clams can live for 100 years! (That explains the taste!)
5. A caterpillar has over 2,000 muscles.

**Samina Faiz (13), 7 Tewkesbury Road,
Perry Barr, Birmingham B20 3DX.**

Dear MIKE,

Here are some facts:

Did you know that . . .
Dire Straits have sold over 17 million albums!
1,820,000 litres of water are needed to keep
Britain's Golf courses in trim every year!

Enthusiastic tennis players marked out a
tennis court and played when the Thames
froze in 1876 (They wore Ice-skates).

Everyone thought that Anna Bochinsky was
dead, but at her funeral she got out of her
coffin but was then knocked down in the road
and was killed!

AMAZING Eh!!

David Johnson (12).



Dear MIKE,

Did you know that the smallest woman in the
world was 1 ft. 11 ins. and the smallest man in
the world was 2 ft. 2 1/4 ins.

Did you know that in 1750 a man gave his son
one silver coin he put it in the bank and left it.
In 1974 it amounted to \$419,430.40 and by
2000 and it will be worth over \$2 million.

**Hugo Moore (11), Churchill Cottage, Castle
Street, Portchester, Hants. PO16 9QW.**

SAFARI SOLUTION



POET'S CORNER

The Race

The gun shot sounds, shattering the piercing
beat of the mid-day sun,
The race has begun,
The sun beats down making sweat on their
faces,
They don't care they're used to races,
They're aiming for the cup, the top of the
charts,
But now they're slowing with pounding hearts,
First it's Budd then it's Beth,
Who's going to win (they think) with baited
breath?
The race news spreads around the town,
(It's this) Budd has been knocking down,
They say she fell flat on her face,
But the runners keep running at a steady pace.
McBrown now has the lead,
They start running at a faster speed,
They're all trying to complete their deed.
The Newspapers will say the very next day,
Zola Budd down,
The winner McBrown.

**Claire Gordon (11), 29 Carnarvon Road,
Southport, Merseyside PR8 4SE.**

The Semmulgi

The Semmulgi is a gruesome beast,
And is not pretty in the least,
It has seventeen legs,
And eats mouldy eggs,
It will never attack,
Because it is as soggy as a sack,
It is the chief of all the thieves,
And it likes gold - it is three thousand years
old.
It has a horn on its head and sleeps on a bed -
Of worms, Ugh!
So if ever you meet the Semmulgi beast,
Beware, and you will not be its feast!

**Sarah Caudwell (9), Clough Farm, Croft,
Skegness, Lincs.**

Limericks

There once was a hamster called Mike,
Who thought he could ride a bike,
Till he tried to ride round
The block, and soon found
That he'd have to begin with a trike!

There was a mouse called Charlie Snark
Who went for a walk in the park.
At the end of the day,
He found he'd lost his way,
And was still wandering round after dark!

Mr. Blirriant was a strange light,
Who for this should've been Mr. Blight.
"Blirriant's" so absurd,
I can't think of a word,
That would rhyme with it, or that just might!

**Lynne Donaldson, 12 Lansdowne Grove,
Whitehaven, Cumbria.**

SPECIAL JOKES SPOT

Q: What did the invisible man call his
mother and father?
A: His transparents!

Q: What's Dracula's favourite soup?
A: Scream of tomato!



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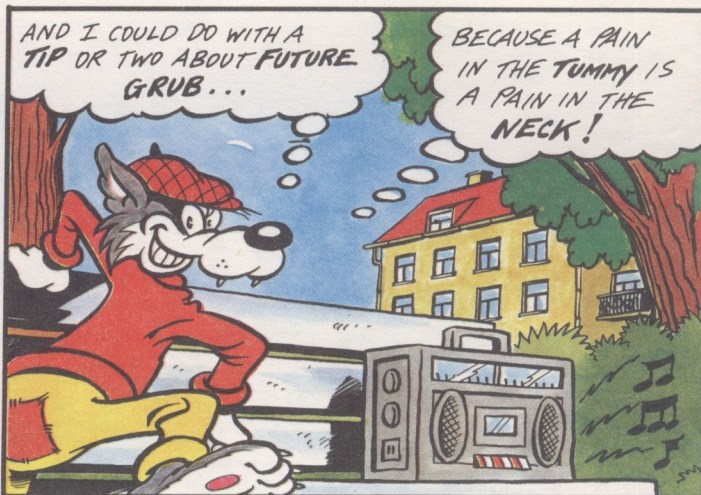
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PALMISTS! TCHAH! BUT...ON THE OTHER HAND THE GREAT MIND IS CONTINUALLY SEARCHING...



AND I COULD DO WITH A TIP OR TWO ABOUT FUTURE GRUB...

BECAUSE A PAIN IN THE TUMMY IS A PAIN IN THE NECK!



TEN MINUTES LATER, AT THE GRAND HOTEL...

AH! EET EES RODNEE! GEEVE ELVIRA YOUR LEETLE HAND, MY FRIEND!

COR! HOW EMBARRASSING! I HOPE BONEHEAD DIDN'T SEE ME COME IN!

ER... OKAY, LADY!



EEK! TUT, TUT, TUT!

WISH I'D REMEMBERED TO WASH MY HANDS!

WADDISIT?



I SEE MUCH TROUBLE BEHIND YOU!

NINETY DAYS IN JELLYVILLE JAIL FOR CHICKEN NICKING! SHE'S NOT JOKING!

OH... ER, YEAH?

BUT EEN ZE FUTURE ... WHAT EEZ ZEES?
HEPPY TIMES, ALL DOORS ARE OPEN! YOU
JUST WALK EEN, AND EVERYTHING
EES COOL!!

OH,
REALLY?

NOW, CROSS ZE PALM WEETH
SEELVER !!

FIVE
POUNDS FOR
ONE FORECAST.
SHE'D BETTER
BE RIGHT!

NEXT,
PLEASE!

A LITTLE
LATER OUTSIDE
GUS'S
DELICATESSEN..

OPEN DOORS, SHE SAID!
LOOK AT ALL THAT
GRUB!!

WOW!!

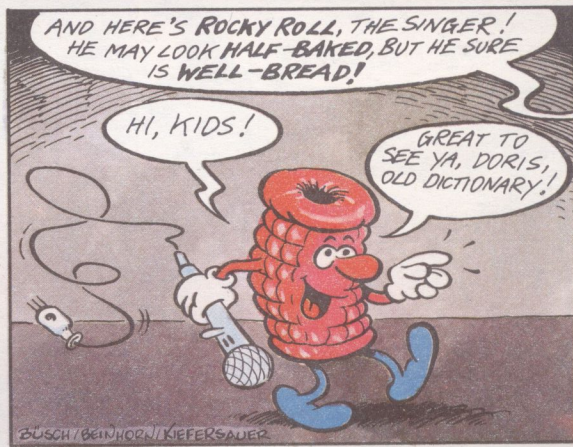
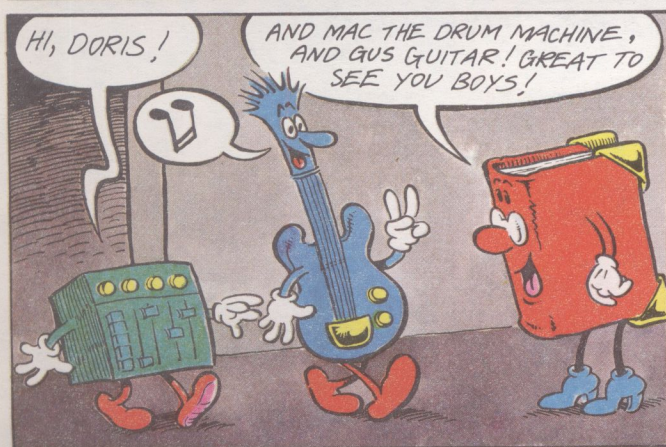
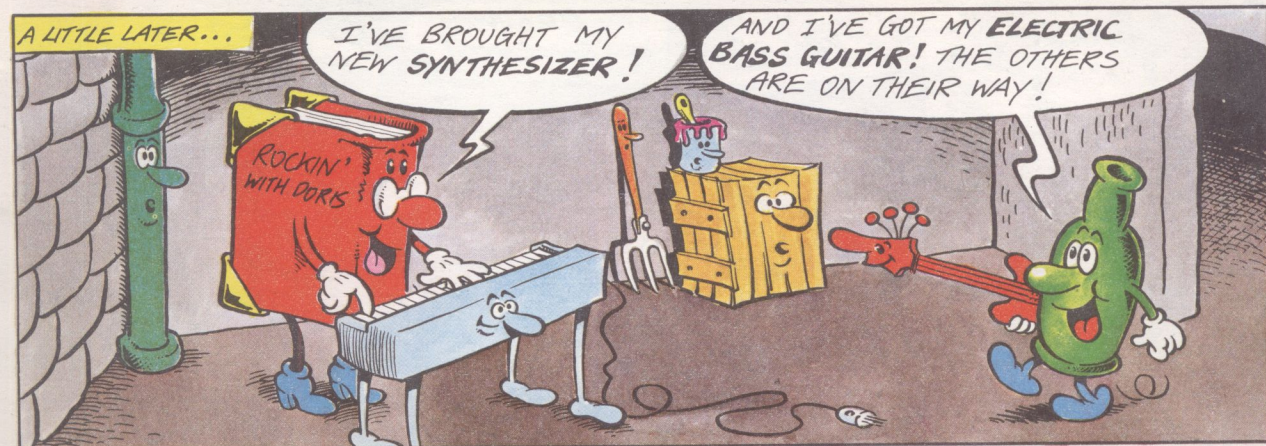
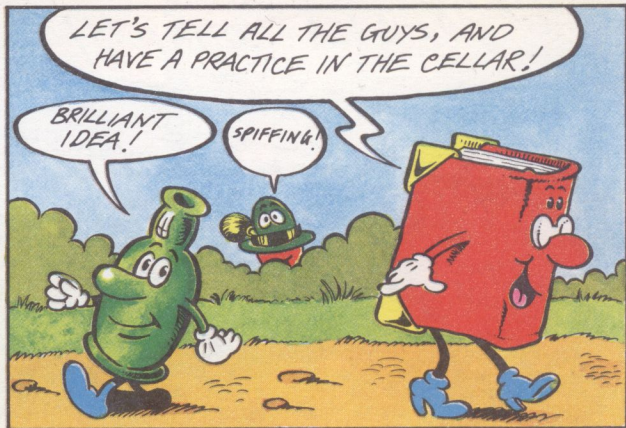
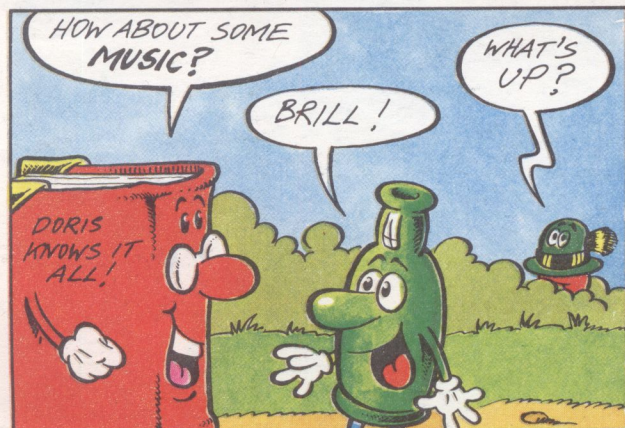
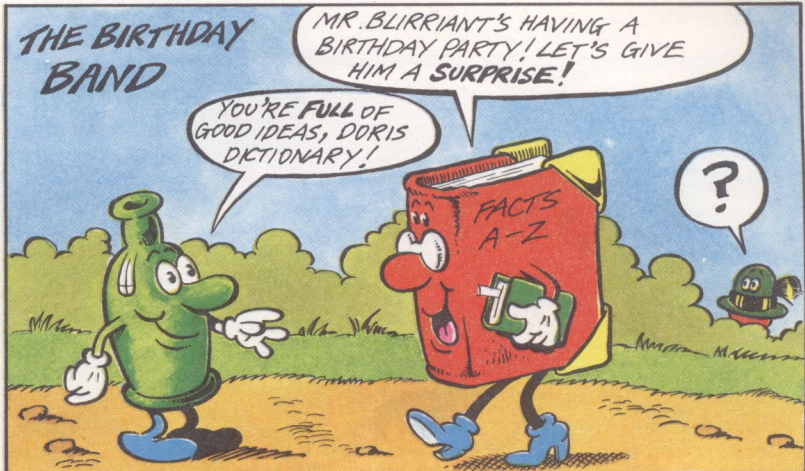
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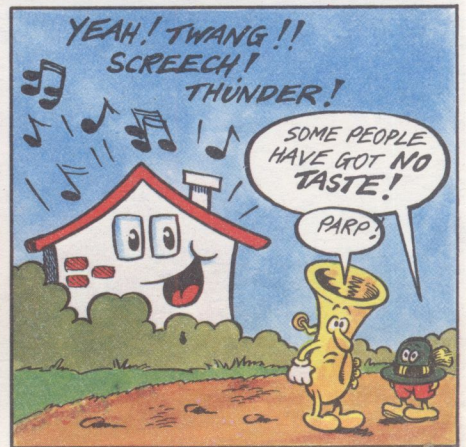
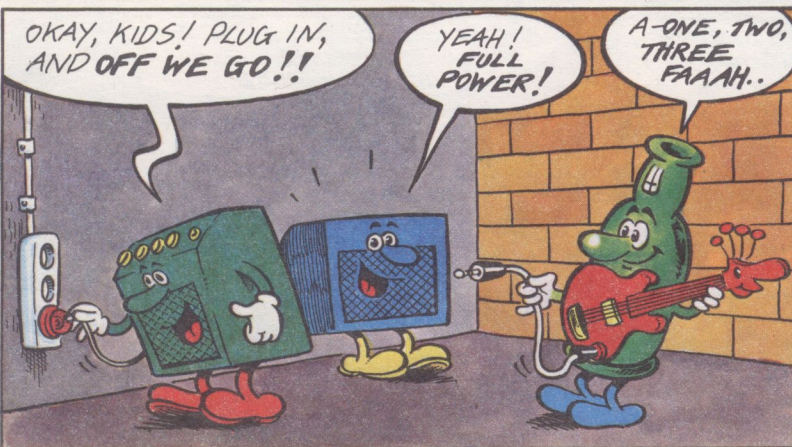
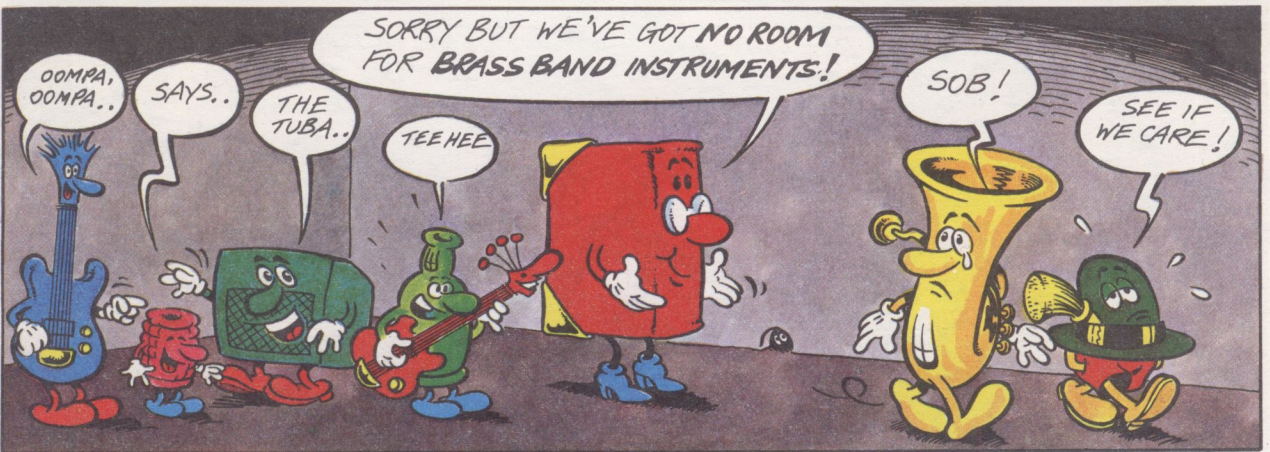
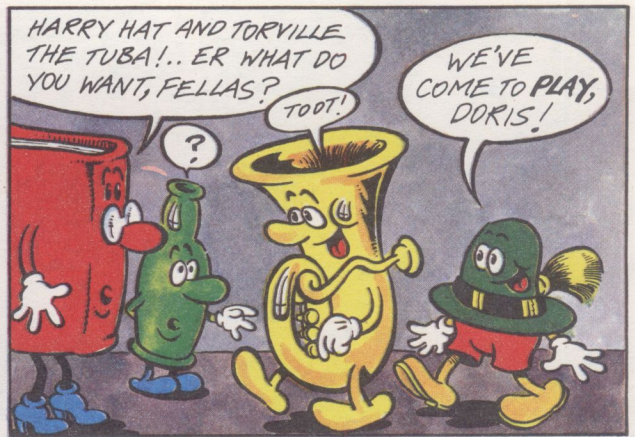
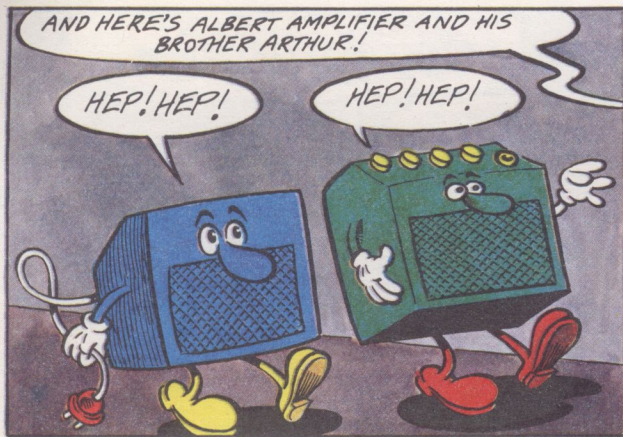
NICE COOL PLACE FOR A GRAND NOSHUP,
THIS REFRIGERATED VAN!

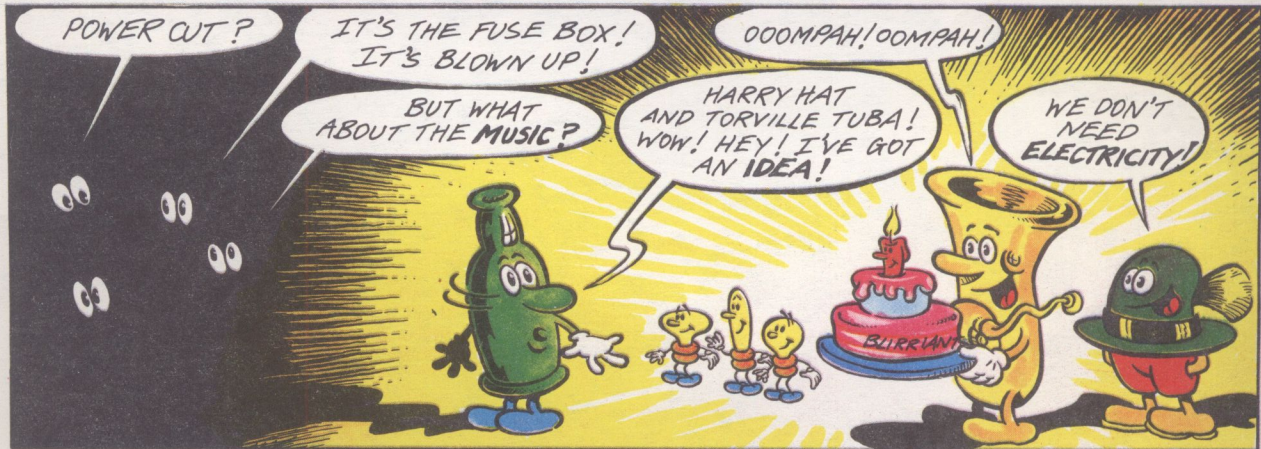
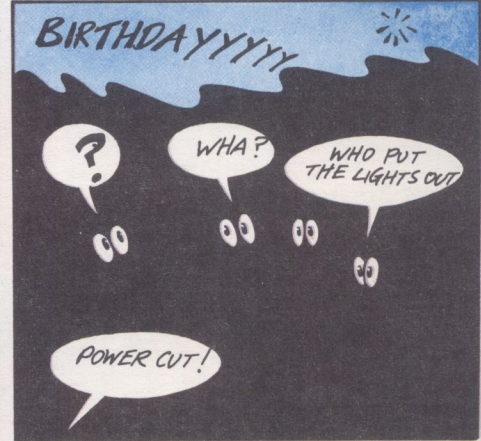
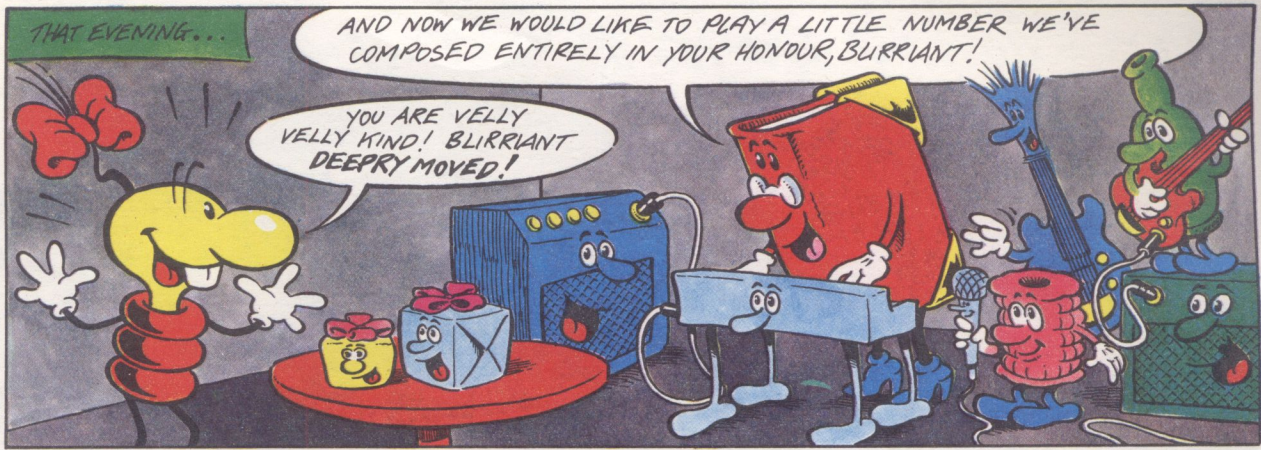
GOOD OLD
MADAME ELVIRA!
SPOT ON!

CHAMP!
CHOMP!
SLURP!
GUZZLE!!









THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME - EH, RODNEY??...



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BANK

THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES